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REMARKS

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1. On 29 September 1953, the Nachrichten Schule in Koenigsbrueck was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 40 percent with tank insignia. Twenty T-34 and T-43 tanks were seen in the billeting area. T-34 tank [] and T-43 tank [] entered or left the installation. Troops received training in carbine, submachine gun, and machine gun firing in the Aue area from 28 August to 29 September. Firing with tracer ammunition was observed in some instances. Tanks from the barracks installation practiced driving in the Aue area and received combat training at the training grounds. Motor vehicles identified in traffic to and from the installation []

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2. Trucks [] were seen in traffic to and from Altes Lager. Tank trucks [] were also identified there. On 18 September, about 80 to 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines and light equipment left the Altes Lager for combat training. They returned at about 6 p.m. 2

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3. During the period under review, troops observed in the area of Neues Lager and at the troop training grounds received infantry and artillery combat training with medium and heavy artillery pieces and rocket launchers. They frequently engaged also in artillery night firing. [] major exercises were conducted at the training grounds.

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4. Eleven railroad tank cars arrived at the railroad station during the period of observation. Tank trucks []

shipped fuel to Altes Lager, []

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5. A train of an undetermined number of flatcars with 10 trucks including 12 x 150-mm field howitzers, 12 prime movers and 10 boxcars with troops and 6 boxcars with equipment arrived at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station on 3 September. 4 On 4 September, 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers were unloaded at the railroad station. 50X1-HUM
The guns moved toward Neues Lager. 3 and 5 On 21 September, 9 x 132-mm rocket launchers were loaded at the railroad station. 5
6. On 27 September, the Nachrichten Schule was occupied by between 600 to 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and motor transport insignia. Ten tanks were daily seen moving to the training grounds for driving practice from 24 to 27 September. Trucks were identified in traffic to and from the installation. 1 50X1-HUM
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7. On 27 September, the Altes Lager was occupied by about 100 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A major (adm) was camp commander. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the installation
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8. On 27 September, Neues Lager was occupied by 4,000 to 5,000 troops. A general from Radebeul daily inspected the training grounds. The motor pool of Neues Lager was under the command of Colonel Zilvanov (phonetic spelling) (fnu), while the distribution of vehicles in operation was handled by Senior Lieutenant Shurbakh (fnu) (phonetic spelling). Motor vehicles were identified in traffic to and from the camp. At about 10 p.m. on 26 September, 10 armored scout cars and about 90 trucks, each occupied by about 15 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets moved out of the camp toward Dresden. this unit had hitherto been stationed in the cantonment near Krakau and was to be transferred to Grimma. 3 50X1-HUM
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9. On 22 September, the summer camp near Schmorkau and Schwepnitz were occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. about 20 uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The camp was located along the west side of the Schmorkau-Schwepnitz road and consisted of a large number of low, temporary wooden buildings. five main entrances which ran in line with clearings in the woods. A small guardhouse stood near each entrance. The clearings and wood paths were blocked by barriers. some areas inside the camp were separated by a special fence. Two ammunition dumps each of about 50 x 50 meters and guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets were determined in the installation. On 10 September, about 100 officers were assembled near one of the entrances to the camp. Eight trucks and 2 jeeps were parked under trees. 8 x 132-mm rocket launchers, and a T-34/85 tank engaged in firing at the northern border of the camp. On 10 September, BA-64 armored scout car and 2 personnel carriers mounting a small gun and machine gun and carrying 4 soldiers each were observed moving along the Schwepnitz-Schmorkau road. Motor vehicles were identified in traffic to and from the camp. 3 50X1-HUM
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10. At about 12:20 p.m. on 23 September, 2 JS-3 tanks [redacted] were seen near Hermsdorf, moving along the Koenigsbrueck-Dresden road toward Koenigsbrueck. At about 12:30 p.m. on 23 September, 8 SP guns were loaded at the Dresden-Klotzsche railroad station. 50X1-HUM

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted], 50X1-HUM
[redacted] no changes have occurred in the Nachrichten Schule.

2. [redacted] Comment. The fuel depot of the first Gds Mecz Army is confirmed in Altes Lager.

3. [redacted] Comment. No new conclusions can be drawn on the permanent occupation of Neues Lager. The armored scout cars which left the installation on 26 September presumably belong to the 11th Gds Tank Div [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] A cantonment is known to be located in the Krakau area. The statement that the unit was allegedly to be transferred to Grimma is doubted, as the 8th Gds Mecz Div is stationed in summer camps in the Schwepnitz area. 50X1-HUM

4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] an exchange of artillery units between Altengrabow and Koenigsbrueck was made on 4 September. [redacted]

5. [redacted] Comment. Presumably, exchange of rocket launchers. A shipment of 45 M-13 rocket launchers went to the USSR from the equipment depot at Fuerstenwalde on 26 September. [redacted]

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